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NOTICE OF APPEAL

Applicants hereby appeal to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the final rejection dated July 6, 2004 of Claims 1-20 pending in the above-identified patent application.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge \$500.00 for filing a Notice of Appeal under 37 C.F.R. § 1.191(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(b), to Deposit Account No. 13-2490. If Examiner Andres believes it to be helpful, she is invited to contact the undersigned representative by telephone at (312) 913-0001.

Respectfully submitted,

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